

## History 295. Cold War Latin America

### Week 1. Overview

**Tuesday, 22 January**                      **How did the Cold War Affect Latin America in the Fifties and Sixties?**

Rabe, *The Killing Zone*, xxv-113. [For Purchase]

**Thursday, 24 January**                      **How did the Cold War Affect Latin America in the Seventies and Eighties?**

Rabe, *The Killing Zone*, 114-174. [For Purchase]

### Week 2. Origins of the Cold War Globally and in Latin America

**Tuesday, 29 January**                      **What Was the Cold War? How Did it Start in Latin America?**

Odd Arne Westad, "The Empire of Liberty," and "The Empire of Justice," in *The Global Cold War* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2005), 8-72. e-reserve.

Greg Grandin, "What Was Containment?," in *The Cold War in the Third World*, Ed. By Robert J. Macmahon (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2013), 27-47. e-reserve.

Bethell and Roxborough, "Latin America between the Second World War and the Cold War," *Journal of Latin American Studies* 20 (1988): 167-189.

**Thursday, 31 January**                      **How did Policymakers talk about it?**

Unsigned Draft Memorandum Prepared in the Department of State, January 4, 1950.

Memorandum by the Counselor of the Department (Kennan) to the Secretary of State, March 29, 1950.

### Week 3. The Rise and Fall of the Guatemalan Revolution

**Tuesday, 5 February**                      **Why was going on in Central America Before Intervention?**

Jim Handy, "'A Sea of Indians': Ethnic Conflict and the Guatemalan Revolution, 1944-1952," *The Americas* 46:2 (October 1989): 189-204.

Aaron Coy Moulton, "Building their own Cold War in their own backyard: the transnational, international conflicts in the greater Caribbean basin, 1944-1954," *Cold War History* 15:2 (2015): 135-154.

Piero Gleijeses, "The Agrarian Reform of Jacobo Arbenz," *Journal of Latin American Studies* 21:3 (October 1989): 453-480.

**Thursday, 7 February**                      **Why did the US Intervene in Guatemala?**

Schlesinger & Kinzer, "The Overlord" and "Advertisements," from *Bitter Fruit*, e-reserve.

**Friday, 8 February**                      **Paper Topics are Due.**

### Week 4. Debating the Causes of Intervention

**Tuesday, 12 February**                      **Why did the US Intervene in Guatemala?**

Immerman, "Truman, Eisenhower, and the Cold War," from *The CIA in Guatemala*, on e-reserve.

Cullather, *The CIA's Classified Account of Its Operations in Guatemala*, xi-37. [For Purchase]

**Thursday, 14 February**                      **How did the US Intervene in Guatemala?**

Cullather, *The CIA's Classified Account of Its Operations in Guatemala*, 38-123.

### Week 5. The Cuban Revolution and the Aftermath

**Tuesday, 19 February**                      **How Did the Cuban Revolution Happen? How did it affect US thinking?**

Thomas C. Wright, Latin America in the Era of the Cuban Revolution, 1-38. [For Purchase]  
Vanni Pettinà, "The Shadows of Cold War over Latin America: the US reaction to Fidel Castro's nationalism, 1956-1959," Cold War History 11:3 (2011): 317-339.  
Stephen G. Rabe, "After the Missiles of October: John F. Kennedy and Cuba, November 1962 to November 1963," Presidential Studies Quarterly 30:4 (2000): 714-726.

**Thursday, 21 February**                      **What impact did Cuba have on the Cold War?**  
Yinghong Cheng, "Sino-Cuban Relations during the Early Years of the Castro Regime, 1959-1966," Journal of Cold War Studies 9:3 (2007): 78-114.

**Week 6.**              **Fidelismo in Latin America**

**Tuesday, 26 February**                      **How did the Cuban Revolution Affect Latin America?**  
Christopher Andrew and Vasili Mitrokhin, "Latin America: Introduction" and "'The Bridgehead,' 1959-1969," in The World Was Going Our Way (New York: Basic Books, 2005), 27-57. e-reserve.  
Thomas C. Wright, Latin America in the Era of the Cuban Revolution, 39-56, 73-109.  
Che Guevara, "Message to the Tricontinental," 16 April 1967.

**Thursday, 28 February**                      **How did the United States React?**  
Michael Grow, "The Dominican Republic, 1965," 75-92.  
Thomas C. Wright, Latin America in the Era of the Cuban Revolution, 57-72.

**Friday, 1 March**                                      **Bibliographies are Due.**

**Week 7.**              **Dependency and the Roots of Neoliberalism**

**Tuesday, 5 March**                                      **What Was Dependency Theory?**  
Paul A. Baran, "On the Political Economy of Backwardness," The Manchester School of Economy and Social Studies (1952): 66-84. One e-reserve.  
Cardoso "Dependency and Development in Latin America," New Left Review 74 (1972): 83-95.  
Galeano, "The Invisible Sources of Power," The Open Veins of Latin America [1971].

**Thursday, 7 March**                                      **How did Neoliberalism emerge?**  
Patrick Iber, "Worlds Apart," TNR, 23 April 2018. <https://newrepublic.com/article/147810/worlds-apart-neoliberalism-shapes-global-economy>  
Timothy Shenk, "The Long Shadow of Mont Pèlerin," Dissent, Fall 2013.  
<https://www.dissentmagazine.org/article/the-long-shadow-of-mont-pelerin>

**Week 8.**              **The Cold War and the Cultural Realm**

**Tuesday, 12 March**                                      **How did Latin Americans think of the United States?**  
Dorfman & Mattelart, How to Read Donald Duck, 1-147. [For Purchase]

**Thursday, 14 March**                                      **What have you learned so far?**  
Midterm

**Friday, 16 March**                                      **Source Assignments are due.**

**Spring Break, 16 March to 31 March**

**Week 9.**              **Allende's Chile**

**Tuesday, 2 April**                                      **What was the Chilean Road to Socialism?**  
Thomas C. Wright, Latin America in the Era of the Cuban Revolution, 129-147.

Tanya Harmer, Allende's Chile and the Inter-American Cold War, 1-106.  
[https://www.jstor.org/stable/10.5149/9780807869246\\_harmer](https://www.jstor.org/stable/10.5149/9780807869246_harmer)

**Thursday, 4 April**                      **What were some of the Challenges?**

Tanya Harmer, Allende's Chile and the Inter-American Cold War, 107-148.  
[https://www.jstor.org/stable/10.5149/9780807869246\\_harmer](https://www.jstor.org/stable/10.5149/9780807869246_harmer)

**Week 10.**      **Dictatorships and Dirty Wars**

**Tuesday, 9 April**                      **What were the consequences of reaction?**

Tanya Harmer, Allende's Chile and the Inter-American Cold War, 220-254.  
[https://www.jstor.org/stable/10.5149/9780807869246\\_harmer](https://www.jstor.org/stable/10.5149/9780807869246_harmer)

Thomas C. Wright, Latin America in the Era of the Cuban Revolution, 149-164. John Dinges, The Condor Years: How Pinochet and His Allies Brought Terrorism to Three Continents, 1-41.

**Thursday, 11 April**                      **How did Soviet perspectives change?**

Christopher Andrew and Vasili Mitrokhin, "Intelligence Priorities After Allende," in The World Was Going Our Way (New York: Basic Books, 2005), 89-114. e-reserve.

**Friday, 12 April**                      **Argument Summary Due.**

**Week 11.**      **Independent Foreign Policy**

**Tuesday, 16 April**                      **How did Latin American States See their place in the Cold War World?**

Harmer, "Chile, the United States, and the Cold War, 1973-76," Diplomatic History 37 (2013): 109-143.  
Armony, "Transnationalizing the Dirty War." on e-reserve.  
Gleijeses, "The View from Havana." on e-reserve.

**Thursday, 18 April**                      **What was Cuba's Role?**

Andrea Oñate, "The Red Affair: FMLN-Cuban relations during the Salvadoran Civil War, 1981-92," Cold War History 11(2011): 133-154.

**Week 12.**      **Central America in the 1980s**

**Tuesday, 23 April**                      **How did Central America Become the Central Stage?**

Dirk Kruijt, "Genesis of a Guerrilla Generation," Guerrillas: war and peace in Central America (London: Zedbooks, 2008), 12-38.

Jeanne Kirkpatrick, "Dictatorships and Double Standards," Commentary (1979).

Danner, "The Truth of El Mazote," The New Yorker, 6 December 1993.

**Thursday, 25 April**                      **What happened at El Mazote?**

Danner, "The Truth of El Mazote," The New Yorker, 6 December 1993.

**Friday, 26 April**                      **Introductions are Due**

**Week 13.**      **The Debt Crisis and the Rise of Austerity Politics**

**Tuesday, 30 April**                      **How Did Latin American Political Economy Shift?**

Duncan Green, "The Lost Decade," in Silent Revolution (New York: Monthly Review, 2003).

Patrice Franko, "Latin America's Debt Crisis," The Puzzle of Latin American Economic Development (Rowman & Littlefield, 2007), 77-106.

Williamson, "What Washington Means by Policy Reform," in Latin American Adjustment: How Much Has Happened? (Washington: Peterson Institute, 1990), 7-20.

Williamson, "The Strange History of the Washington Consensus," *Journal of Post Keynesian Economics* 27 (2004-2005), 195-206.

**Thursday, 2 May**

**How Did Latin American Political Economy Shift?**

Jeffrey Sachs, "Bolivia's High-Altitude Hyperinflation," in *The End of Poverty* (New York: Penguin, 2006), 90-108.

## Week 14. The End of History in Latin America

**Tuesday, 7 May**

**What Came After the Cold War?**

Francis Fukuyama, "The End of History?," *The National Interest* (Summer 1989), 3-18.

<https://www.jstor.org/stable/24027184>

Michael Reid, "From the Washington Consensus to the Commodity Boom — and Bust," in *Forgotten Continent*, 133-164.

**Thursday, 9 May**

**What was the Reckoning?**

Rabe, "Aftermath," in *The Killing Zone*, 175-195.

**Tuesday, 14 May**

**Final Exam**

The Final Exam is at 9 AM.

You can turn in your paper then, or no later than Friday at 4 PM.

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